

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JAMIE MILLER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO VIRGINIA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, during my time in Congress I'm grateful and have been fortunate to be supported by great staff. You know that while it's our name on the door and the ballot, behind the scene our staff labor tirelessly to support and serve our constituents. Today, I want to say thank you, congratulations and offer my best to one of my departing staff.

Jamie Jones Miller will be continuing her service to the nation by joining the Administration at the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for House Affairs. Jamie has worked in my office and for the constituents of Virginia's First District for 9 years.

As my Chief of Staff she's run my congressional operations for three and a half years, has been my top adviser through numerous important efforts, and has labored tirelessly to serve the Commonwealth and the nation.

Jamie has dedicated her career to public service. I take great pride in her devotion to ensuring our nation's military is strong and that our service members are equipped to protect and defend the homeland. I am confident she will use her passion, skills and abilities to continue to support our men and women in uniform.

I wish Jamie and Tim the best. I thank her for her service, leadership, and commitment to our great nation.

KATELIN BYRD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katelin Byrd for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Katelin Byrd is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katelin Byrd is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Katelin Byrd for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

SPEECH OF

**HON. GREGG HARPER**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Harper/Brady Amendment, which is included in this en block package of amendments. Our amendment while simple is critical to the security of the House of Representatives and its information technology systems. This amendment allows the Speaker, with the concurrence of the Minority Leader, to request assistance from the Executive Branch, within the confines of current law, in the event there is a successful cybersecurity attack on the House of Representatives.

Three scenarios readily come to mind in which Executive Branch assistance would be critical.

The first scenario addresses a situation in which the House of Representatives has a suspicion that a nation-state sponsored actor has successfully infiltrated the House network. The House of Representatives would need assistance from the National Security Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, or possibly even the Department of Defense's Cyber Command to help identify, eliminate and remove the nation-state sponsored actor from our network systems. The House of Representatives would also need additional assistance from the intelligence community to identify and validate the nation-state sponsored actor and their associated tactics, techniques, and procedures.

The second scenario involves assistance from the appropriate law enforcement agency in the event the House of Representatives and its network systems are victims of criminal activity conducted by a malicious actor or actors.

Finally, the House of Representatives would need assistance from the Executive Branch if a catastrophic event occurred and compromised a significant amount of the House of Representatives' enterprise system, and could not guarantee the integrity of the legislative process. The House of Representatives would seek assistance from the National Security Agency, the Department of Homeland Security,

the intelligence community, or the Department of Defense's Cyber Command to identify the root cause of the compromise; protect existing House information systems; detect any collateral damage resulting from the incident; respond, resolve, and remove the incident from the House systems; and finally, restore the House of Representatives to an acceptable operational state.

The attempts to attack the House of Representatives are real. Every month, the House successfully defends against the three to four million cyber attacks against our networks. Before the July 4th recess, the House of Representatives successfully fought off a "brute force attack" in which more than 44,000 attempts to breach the networks occurred in just one day.

We are not dealing with hypotheticals. It may be just a matter of time before one of the millions of attempts is successful. The House of Representatives must be prepared.

I encourage my colleagues to support this amendment.

LEVI MICHAELS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Levi Michaels for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Levi Michaels is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Levi Michaels is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Levi Michaels for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, on June 29, 2017, I missed Roll Call vote No. 341. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes" on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions.

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